

The Wyoming Bean Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, February 2, 2017 in Powell at the Powell Research & Extension Center.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. During the meeting, the Wyoming Bean Commission will discuss the Legislative session, the Dry Bean Consortium, and future research needs. Along with this, they will receive updates on UW Research Projects & Reports, make appointments to the Crop Research Foundation of Wyoming, receive updates on various other topics, and handle any other needed business. The meeting is open to the public and there will be a time for public comment.

The members of the Wyoming Bean Commission are Beau Fulton (Chairman, grower) of Park County, Jeffery Chapman (Vice-Chairman, handler) of Goshen County, Jerrod Lind (grower) of Platte County, Pascual Aguilar (grower) of Big Horn County, Wayne Hort (grower) of Goshen County, Lynn Preator (handler/bean dealer) of Big Horn County, and Hank Uhden (ex-officio member from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture).

The Bean Commission is comprised of six members initially appointed by the Governor. Four members are growers, and two members are handlers with facilities located in Wyoming. One member must reside in Laramie, Platte or Goshen County, Wyoming. The Bean Commission is funded through assessments collected on dry bean sales and is housed within the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. The commission will meet no less than two times each year and will keep a permanent record of its proceedings and report its activities to the Governor and Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands, and Water Resources interim committee. Along with this, the commission may conduct or contract scientific research, disseminate information on dry edible beans based on research, study state and federal legislation with respect to matters concerning the dry edible bean industry, appoint advisory groups, make grants to research agencies for financing special or emergency studies, and a variety of other activates.

The Powell Research & Extension Center is located at 747 Road 9 in Powell, Wyoming. For an agenda, check the Wyoming Bean Commission Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wyomingbeancommission/>.

For more information on the Wyoming Bean Commission, contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321.

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